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Montana State Legislature  
House Local Government Committee

Re: Hearing HB 289

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I am a long-time resident, retired teacher, and real estate agent in Hamilton. The economic climate in Ravalli County has significantly deteriorated in the past twenty-five years. As resource industries have declined, we need to have the ability to attract new industry. An important tool is the Targeted Economic Development District. We have landowners who are willing to enter into voluntary zoning for the development district. But, we have found ourselves at a huge disadvantage because we do not have a growth policy or county-wide zoning. We are not able to create TEDDs.

Our county (and I am sure we are not the only county in a similar situation) should have the same ability to use the valuable Targeted Economic Development District tool as counties with county-wide zoning and a growth policy.

I urge your support of HB 289.

Sincerely,

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— *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997